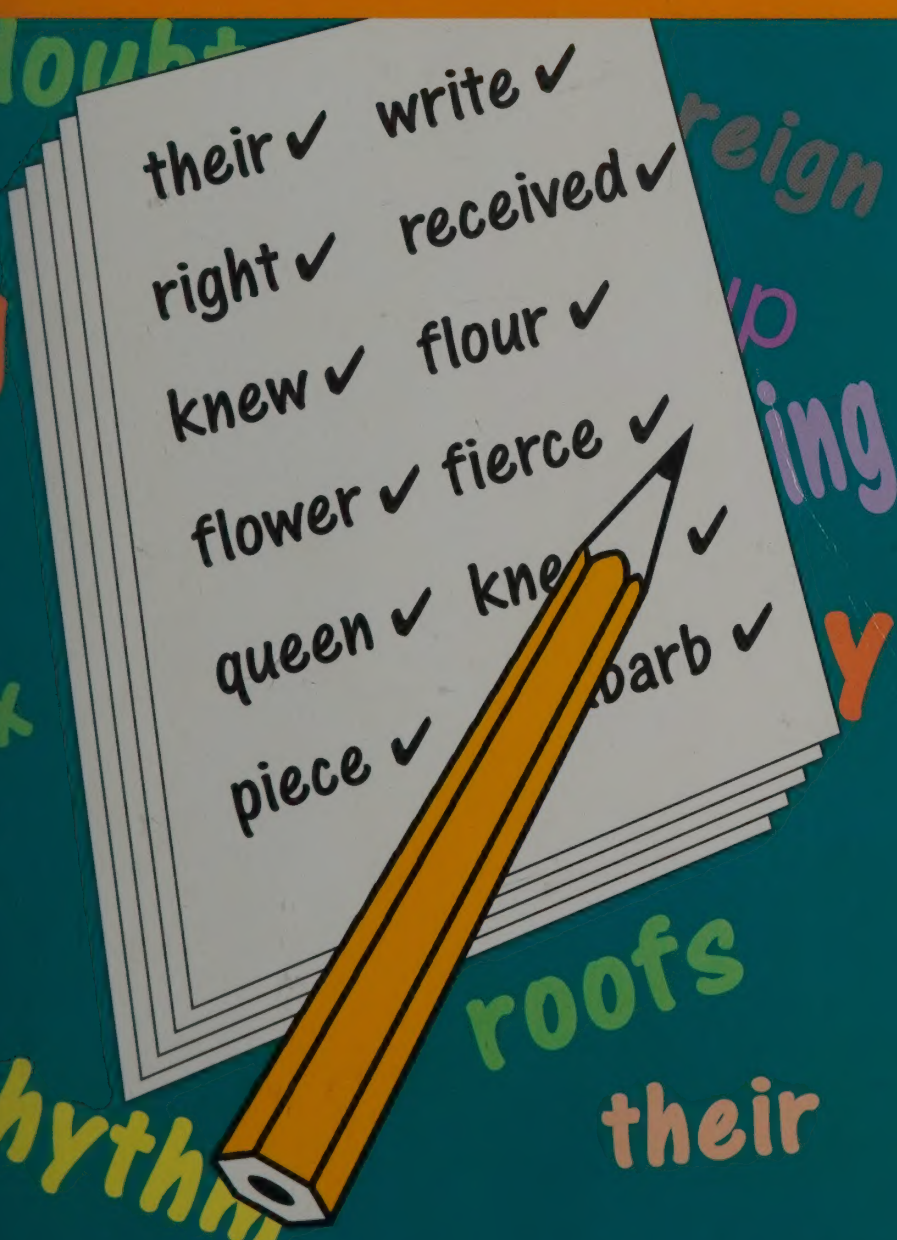


HOW TO BE TOP

SPELLING & WRITING

A guide to improving your child's
accuracy and speed




A stack of papers is shown, with a yellow pencil pointing to a list of words. The words are written in a cursive script and each has a checkmark next to it. The words are: their, write, right, received, knew, flour, flower, fierce, queen, kne, piece, barb. The background is a teal color with various words and letters scattered around, including 'doubt', 'reign', 'ing', 'y', 'roofs', 'their', 'rhythm', 'x', and 'p'.


their ✓ write ✓
right ✓ received ✓
knew ✓ flour ✓
flower ✓ fierce ✓
queen ✓ kne ✓
piece ✓ barb ✓

SPELLING & WRITING

The aim of this book is to get children familiar with the basic principles of spelling, and help them to recognise examples of difficult spelling.



Throughout the book there are various tests to enable your child to practise what they have learnt. Start by setting your child one of the tests a day and check the answers with those at the back of the book. If the tests are repeated later you can compare both accuracy and speed.



The tests are designed so that they are fun as well as educational. There are a couple of pages in the middle of the book for some light relief where your child can 'take a break'. As your child works steadily through these tests you should see a marked improvement in spelling ability.

Arthur Farndell

ALPHABET TEST 1

If you are not sure how to spell a word or what its meaning is, you can always look it up in a dictionary. But in order to look up a word, you need to know your alphabet, as all the words in a dictionary are in alphabetical order.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Using your knowledge of the alphabet, start putting these cities of the world in correct alphabetical order. You will need to consider **second** or **third** letters!



DICTIONARY WORK

TEST 2

Now let's see if you can put the world to rights! These fifteen countries have got out of order, alphabetically speaking!

Can you put them back in order?

Finland

1.

Ghana

2.

Greece

3.

Greenland

4.

England

5.

Cyprus

6.

Germany

7.

France

8.

Spain

9.

Grenada

10.

Gibraltar

11.

Uganda

12.

Portugal

13.

Russia

14.

Turkey

15.

Australia

16.

Gambia

17.

Sri Lanka

18.

India

19.

New Zealand

20.

Once you have put the world to rights, award yourself a star in the box, left.



MAGIC 'e'

TEST 3

Magic 'e' changes the sound and the meaning of a word.

bit becomes **bite**
and
hat becomes **hate**

Add magic 'e', what do you get?
Read your answers to a member of your family.

kit

kite

sit

fat

at

pal

win

twin

spin

can

mad

man

pan

van

bad

not



DIFFICULT SPELLINGS

Listed below are some of the most commonly **misspelt words**. With practice you will become perfect. Get someone to test you. If you do not know any of these words look them up in a **dictionary**.

Wednesday

sincerely

rhythm

doubt

address

although

boisterous

success

February

hymn

surgeon

grammar

embarrass

thumb

either

pigeon

quarrel

separate

accommodation

independence

Once you have learnt these spellings,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



SOUNDS THE SAME

TEST 4

You know that two words may sound the same but have different spellings and very different meanings, for example:

steel

and

steal

vain

and

vein

Make sure you know the meanings of all the words.

Write out the sentences below, choosing the **correct spelling** from the two meanings so that the sentence makes sense.

1. There was a big **sail/sale** on at our local shop.
2. Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a **pail/pale** of water.
3. **Our/hour** house is at the bottom of the street.
4. We use **flower/flour** to make bread.
5. There is a **hole/whole** in my bucket.
6. Music is sweet for the **sole/soul**.
7. The bus **fare/fair** was very expensive.
8. Your **tire/tyre** is very flat.
9. Bicycles for **higher/hire**.
10. That **leek/leak** was very tasty.
11. The **air/heir** to the throne is Prince Charles.
12. Your **hare/hair** is very fine.
13. The clock struck **ate/eight**.
14. It sounds like the **whine/wine** of a wolf.
15. The **heal/heel** of her shoe needed mending.



SOUNDS THE SAME

TEST 5

Now look at the words below, and for each word write in your notebook another word with the **same sound** but with a **different spelling**.

A star means you can write two answers!

Two stars means you can write three answers!

1. mail
2. hale
3. led
4. bred
5. pane
6. reign
7. so
8. two
9. knot
10. son
11. dun
12. write
13. there
14. here
15. buy



Once you have completed the page,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



IDENTICAL TWINS

TEST 6

Some words are **IDENTICAL TWINS** – well, almost. They have the **same sound** and the **same spelling**, but something is different. They have different meanings.

Look at these two sentences, and you'll notice **ring** in both, but with different meanings:

- a. It was a gold **ring**
- b. I'll **ring** you later

Now find the **IDENTICAL TWINS** in these sentences:

- 1a. The duck's _____ was yellow.
- b. The waiter handed me the _____.
- 2a. The terrorists were ordered to lay down their _____.
- b. A gorilla has long _____.
- 3a. Do you have the _____ to vote?
- b. Good! Your answer is _____.
- 4a. My left _____ had a broken lace.
- b. Put your suitcase into the _____.
- 5a. Why do you always _____ him on to be rude?
- b. I'd like a hard-boiled _____, please.



IDENTICAL TWINS TEST 1

Now find even more **IDENTICAL TWINS**
in these sentences:

- 6a. My _____ sister is called Fiona.
b. She had a glass of _____ berry wine.
- 7a. He was _____ of the country for
two years.
b. I drew the square with my _____.
- 8a. There was a hole in the _____
of my shoe.
b. My grandmother enjoys Dover _____.
c. He was the _____ survivor.
- 9a. The ship sailed slowly into _____.
b. The old man enjoyed his glass
of _____.
- 10a. She likes to wear tinted _____.
b. Beer is usually served in _____.

Once you have got 100 per cent,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



SPECIAL COMBINATIONS

TEST 8

In English words **q** is always followed by a **u**, but the two letters together sound like **kw** when they come at the beginning of a word or in the middle of a word. A good example is **quick**.

Can you finish the **qu** words in this story?

Each dash stands for a missing letter.

The **qu** _ _ _ promised to give a **qu** _ _ _ _ _
of her kingdom to the first person to answer the
twenty **qu** _ _ _ _ _ in the royal **qu** _ _ .
James showed that he was **equ** _ _ to the task by
qu _ _ _ _ _ giving twenty correct answers.

Another special combination is **ph**, which sounds like **f**. A good example is **photo**.

Can you finish the **ph** words in this story?

Again, each dash stands for a missing letter.

Suddenly the **ph** _ _ _ rang. It was **Ph** _ _ _ _ .
He had spare tickets for 'The **Ph** _ _ _ _ of the
Opera'. I met him as soon as I had finished the
_ _ _ **ph** for my Maths homework. We enjoyed
the show and were lucky enough to get a
ph _ _ _ _ _ **ph** signed by one of the stars.
Unfortunately, when I got home I had to start my
ph _ _ _ _ _ homework!



SHHH! SILENT LETTERS

TEST 9

Some English words can be difficult to spell because they contain **SILENT LETTERS**. A hundred years ago parents used to say that *children should be seen, not heard*. Silent letters are like this: **you must write them, but not say them.**

When a word begins with **kn**, the **k** is silent. When you say the word, it is as if it begins with **n**. A good example is **know**.

Can you finish the **kn** words in this story?
Each dash stands for a missing letter.

Sir Galahad, the famous **kn** _ _ _ _ gave a loud **kn** _ _ _ at the oak door. Inside, an old woman was **kn** _ _ _ _ _ bread, and another was **kn** _ _ _ _ _ a shawl, while a third was **kn** _ _ _ _ _ before the fire. Sir Galahad **kn** _ _ _ they were the three witches.

When a word begins with **wr**, the **w** is silent. When you say the word, it is as if it begins with **r**. A good example is **write**.

Can you finish the **wr** words in this story?
Again, each dash stands for a missing letter.

Jenny took her pen and **wr** _ _ _ until her **wr** _ _ _ began to ache. By this time her brow was **wr** _ _ _ _ _ , and she knew it would be **wr** _ _ _ to carry on. Jenny's younger brother was watching the **wr** _ _ _ _ _ on television, but she thought this was a stupid sport, and so she **wr** _ _ _ _ _ a scarf around her neck and went out.

Once you have spotted the silent letters,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



SHHH! SILENT LETTERS

TESTS 10, 11

More words with SILENT LETTERS

In your notebook write the **correct spellings** for these 24 words:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Go up | clim _ |
| 2. Branch of a tree | bou _ _ |
| 3. Information | _ nowledge |
| 4. Marks on paper | _ riting |
| 5. Contains a dead body | tom _ |
| 6. Not a son | dau _ _ ter |
| 7. In your mouth | tong _ _ |
| 8. Sailing vessel | ya _ _ t |
| 9. Four fingers and a | thum _ |
| 10. Holiday home | chale _ |
| 11. Season | autum _ |
| 12. Keep moving about | _ riggle |

Try some more...

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Nice to eat | dou _ _ nut |
| 2. Part of leg | _ nee |
| 3. How a rat eats | _ naws |
| 4. A number | t _ o |
| 5. For your hair | com _ |
| 6. Garden ornament | _ nome |
| 7. Keep out of it! | de _ t |
| 8. Surrounded by water | i _ land |
| 9. Religious song | _ salm |
| 10. For cutting | _ nife |
| 11. Keep the crockery here | cu _ board |
| 12. Can prick your fingers | this _ le |



SPOT THE SPELLING MISTAKES TEST 12

How good are you at spotting spelling mistakes?

Improve your own spelling by finding and correcting the 25 mistakes in this story of Goldilocks.

One morning a littel girl called Goldilocks was walking through the forrest. Their were trees everywear, but suddenly Goldilocks saw a cottidge in an open space. Noboddy was at home. Goldilocks found boles of poridge on the brekfast tabel. One was two hot, one was to cold, and one was just write. She eight it all up. One chair was enoremus, one was tiney, and one broak when she sate on it.

Upstares one bed was harrd, one was soft, and one was so cumftable that Goldilocks fell asleep in it. When the three bares reterved from there walk, they were very angry with Goldilocks. She was so fritend, she ran back home!

Once you have spotted all the mistakes,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



i BEFORE e
EXCEPT AFTER c

TEST 13

You may have heard some grown-ups saying, 'i before e except after c'. This is a good spelling rule to follow. The rule tells us that when i and e are next to each other in the same word i comes first and e comes second, as in the word relief. But it also tells us that when these two letters come straight after c the order is changed, so that now e is first and i is second, as in the word receive.

Now let's see if you can apply the rule by finding the correct places for i and e in the following sentences.

1. The decorator is going to paint the c _ _ ling.
2. Would you like a p _ _ ce of cake?
3. Who is your best fr _ _ nd?
4. This is my nephew and this is my n _ _ ce.
5. There are five cows grazing in the f _ _ ld.
6. The doctor wants to see the next pat _ _ nt.
7. I rec _ _ ved some lovely flowers for my birthday.
8. The little kitten was very misch _ _ vous.
9. Do you bel _ _ ve in Father Christmas?
10. You should never lie or dec _ _ ve anyone.

Although this is a good rule, there are a few exceptions. The most important exception is **their**, where e always comes before i, as in the following sentence:

The children gave **their** books to **their** teacher.



SPOT THE SPELLING MISTAKES TEST 14

The story of Cinderella is as famous as that of Goldilocks. This version also has 25 spelling mistakes.

Use your magic wand to detect and correct them.

Cinderella's ugley sisters were horribal to her. They maid her do all the work: cleening, washing-up, pollishing, laundrey and keeping the fiers burning. They wore beautifull clothes, while Cinders was dressed in rages.

One evvening the sisters went to a dance at the Prince's cassel. Poor Cinders was left at home. She begane to cry. Sudenly her fairy godmother apeared. 'Don't cry', she said. 'I will give you a wunderful coch, hansome horses, an elegent dress and prizeless glass slippers. Go to the dance, but leeve before midnight.

Cinderella danced with the Prince. She was so hapy she forgot the time. She rane home as it was strkeing midnight, leaving one slipper behind. This was how the Prince discovered who she was, and soon they were maried and lived happily ever after.

Once you have corrected Cinders' story,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



TAKE A

In a dictionary there are thousands of words, but how many words can you find in the word **dictionary**?

Use the letters in the word **DICTIONARY** to build other words. You can put the letters in any order.

Here are some suggestions to start you off:

act nation cat

We managed to find over a hundred words in all.
If you can build 50 or more words from **dictionary**,
you are doing really well!

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 1. | 27. |
| 2. | 28. |
| 3. | 29. |
| 4. | 30. |
| 5. | 31. |
| 6. | 32. |
| 7. | 33. |
| 8. | 34. |
| 9. | 35. |
| 10. | 36. |
| 11. | 37. |
| 12. | 38. |
| 13. | 39. |
| 14. | 40. |
| 15. | 41. |
| 16. | 42. |
| 17. | 43. |
| 18. | 44. |
| 19. | 45. |
| 20. | 46. |
| 21. | 47. |
| 22. | 48. |
| 23. | 49. |
| 24. | 50. |
| 25. | 51. |
| 26. | 52. |

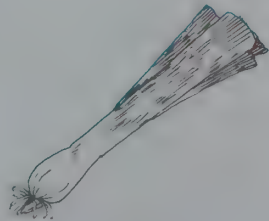
BREAK

This is the time to relax with a game
all the family can join in.

In the word square below there is a mixture of vegetables:
some you like and some you detest, and perhaps
some you have not tried. Can you find 20?

The words can be read across or down.

a	b	j	a	r	t	i	c	h	o	k	e
p	r	c	a	b	b	a	g	e	p	y	c
e	o	t	l	e	n	t	i	l	o	a	a
a	c	u	b	k	a	l	e	m	t	m	u
f	c	r	e	a	m	e	t	o	a	p	l
s	o	n	a	m	l	e	e	k	t	a	i
p	l	i	n	s	w	e	d	e	o	r	f
i	i	p	m	a	r	r	o	w	x	s	l
n	x	b	e	e	t	r	o	o	t	n	o
a	q	u	c	a	r	r	o	t	z	i	w
c	a	s	p	a	r	a	g	u	s	p	e
h	y	w	s	p	r	o	u	t	s	v	r



SEEING DOUBLE

TEST 15

Many English words have **DOUBLE LETTERS**, and a double instead of a single can make a big difference, *for example:*

a **diner** is someone who is eating

but a **dinner** is what the diner is eating !

Each of the words below has a **double letter missing**. See if you can write the full words in your notebook.

- | | |
|--|---------------|
| 1. You blow one of these. | bu _ _ le |
| 2. A jigsaw... | pu _ _ le |
| 3. A little dog. | p _ _ dle |
| 4. Try and guess the ... | ri _ _ le |
| 5. The opposite of nice. | ho _ _ ible |
| 6. You do this with your eyes. | s _ _ |
| 7. You boil the water in this. | ke _ _ le |
| 8. You blow one of these up! | ba _ _ _ _ n |
| 9. You can kick this. | f _ _ tba _ _ |
| 10. Soldiers fight in a... | ba _ _ le |
| 11. Beer is kept in this. | ba _ _ el |
| 12. That ... was really tasty. | pu _ _ ing |
| 13. Another word for tummy. | be _ _ y |
| 14. Opposite of sad. | ha _ _ y |
| 15. The floor is ... | sli _ _ ery |
| 16. Cows eat this. | gra _ _ |
| 17. A vegetable. | l _ _ k |
| 18. You put this up when
the rain comes down. | umbre _ _ a |
| 19. Something you do in your
spare time. | ho _ _ y |
| 20. This book is about ... | spe _ _ ing |



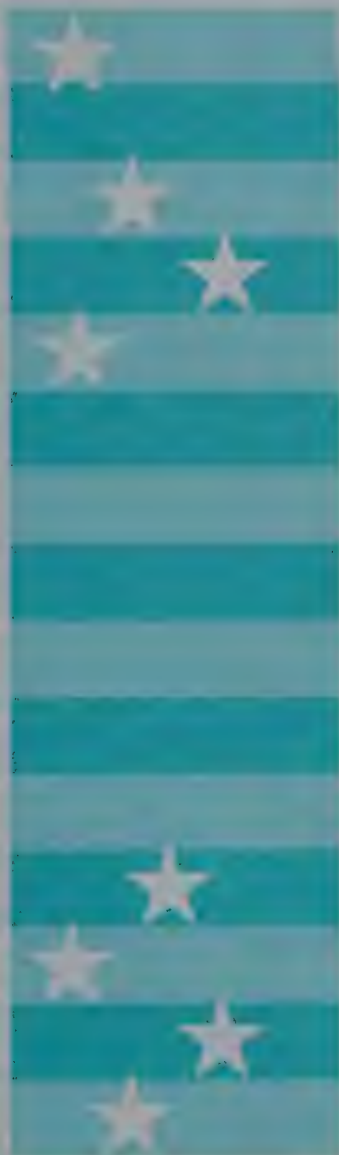
SEEING DOUBLE 2

TEST 16

We are still looking for double letters. See if you can guess these words without any clues.

A star means you can write two answers!

1. bu _ _ et
2. z _ _
3. p _ _ l
4. b _ _ t
5. w _ _ d
6. a _ _ ack
7. tr _ _
8. ki _ _ en
9. pe _ _ er
10. wi _ _ er
11. ba _ _ et
12. a _ _ le
13. ki _ _
14. su _ _ y
15. t _ _ th



Once you have answered all these correctly,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



ONE AND MANY

TEST 17

You can have one **friend** or many **friends**.

To change a **SINGULAR** into a **PLURAL** we usually just add **s**. If a word ends with a **y** we remove the **y** and add **ies** e.g. 'poppy' becomes 'poppies'. Where a word ends with an **h** you often add **es**. Sometimes there are strange twists when we go from **one** to **many**, e.g. **mouse** to **mice**.

See if you can write the plurals for these words:

Be careful there are a few difficult words to catch you out! To help you, I've marked an asterisk by the difficult words.

book	fox
house	dish
mouse*	fish*
nose	wish
tooth*	man*
poppy	woman*
foot*	potato
child*	goose*



TEST 18

Try some more

wife*	outlaw
girl	tomato
boy	axis*
motto	buffalo
piano	city
sheep*	leaf*
daughter-in-law	chief
memory	oasis*
roof	match
deer*	country
church	address

Once you have mastered more plurals,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



-or VERSUS -er
TEST 19

Some names given to people end in **or**,
such as **doctor**, and others end in **er**,
such as **teacher**.

Can you work out which is the correct ending
to add to each of the following to make the person
complete?

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. inspect __ | 16. lead __ |
| 2. organis __ | 17. direct __ |
| 3. moth __ | 18. produc __ |
| 4. fath __ | 19. dictat __ |
| 5. farm __ | 20. lectur __ |
| 6. announc __ | 21. speak __ |
| 7. tut __ | 22. creat __ |
| 8. supervis __ | 23. minist __ |
| 9. murder __ | 24. mast __ |
| 10. hik __ | 25. learn __ |
| 11. angl __ | 26. box __ |
| 12. football __ | 27. tink __ |
| 13. act __ | 28. tail __ |
| 14. bricklay __ | 29. soldi __ |
| 15. carpent __ | 30. sail __ |



COMING AND GOING

TEST 20

We know that action words (**verbs**) can have **ing** added to them: for example, **go** becomes **going**. But sometimes the addition of **ing** causes changes. Here are some guidelines to help you spell correctly when **ing** is added.

A. When the verb ends with **e, take away the **e** before adding **ing****

e.g. **come** becomes **coming**

Have a go at these:

1. **hide** _____
2. **have** _____
3. **hope** _____
4. **drive** _____
5. **rinse** _____

B. When the verb ends with 2 or more **consonant sounds (these are letters that are not vowels) simply add **ing****

e.g. **correct** becomes **correcting**

1. **swing** _____
2. **turn** _____
3. **collect** _____
4. **watch** _____
5. **stitch** _____

Once you have successfully completed this page, award yourself a star in the box, left.



COMING AND GOING

TEST 21

C. When the verb ends with **single consonant**,
double the consonant before adding **ing**

e.g. **clip** becomes **clipping**

1. **hop** _____
2. **stop** _____
3. **cut** _____
4. **put** _____
5. **spin** _____

D. When the verb ends with **y**, simply add **ing**

e.g. **simplify** becomes **simplifying**

1. **study** _____
2. **fly** _____
3. **carry** _____
4. **marry** _____
5. **fry** _____

E. There are some verbs that like to break these rules.

e.g. **be** becomes **being**

1. **tie** _____
2. **see** _____



-al VERSUS -le

TEST 22

Can you add the correct endings?

The sound at the end of the words is the same, but sometimes the spelling is **al**, as in **comical**, and sometimes it is **le**, as in **icicle**. Here we go:

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. natur __ | 16. edib __ |
| 2. partic __ | 17. fidd __ |
| 3. deni __ | 18. digit __ |
| 4. refus __ | 19. doub __ |
| 5. dent __ | 20. inflatab __ |
| 6. rent __ | 21. visib __ |
| 7. whist __ | 22. discip __ |
| 8. department __ | 23. dispos __ |
| 9. reliab __ | 24. divisib __ |
| 10. admirab __ | 25. electric __ |
| 11. sing __ | 26. bicyc __ |
| 12. horrib __ | 27. biodegradab __ |
| 13. ment __ | 28. dribb __ |
| 14. met __ | 29. tri __ |
| 15. smugg __ | 30. trip __ |

Once you have got 100 per cent,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



HAPPY FAMILIES

TEST 23

Most words, like people, live in **FAMILIES**.

The head of the family is usually a verb, such as **create**. From this verb come the other members of the family, such as **creator, creation, creature, creative, creatively, creativity**.

Below are the heads of ten families. See if you can write in your notebook three other members of each family. Some possible answers are given at the back of the book.

1. **act**

2. **move**

3. **think**

4. **produce**

5. **provide**

6. **direct**

7. **analyse**

8. **note**

9. **sense**

10. **enter**



THE LONG AND THE SHORT

TEST 24

Sometimes words are joined together in a sentence to make a **short form of sentence**. We often use this in speech when we want to be less formal.

For example: instead of saying ,
'My spelling is getting better.' we can say
'My spelling's getting better.'

The apostrophe ' is very important as it shows us not only where the words join, but that a **letter is missing**.

In the sentence above the ' shows us that the **i** of **is** is missing.

Occasionally **two or three letters are missing**, but one apostrophe is all that is needed.

In your notebook write these sentences, using the short form.

1. I am working hard to improve my spelling.
2. My spelling is getting better.
3. Soon I shall be very good at spelling.
4. You have been trying hard, too.
5. I can not learn all the words in the dictionary.
6. I must not forget to practise.
7. James could not spell **contrariety**.
8. Although he had trained hard, he did not win the marathon.
9. Oh no, it has started raining again!
10. Sally could not wait for the holidays to come.
11. My uncle said he would take me to Florida.
12. I hope you are coming to my party.

When you can use the apostrophe correctly,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



HEADS TEST 25

Something added to the **beginning** of a word to make a new word is called a **PREFIX**.

Here are seven **PREFIXES** which change the meanings of words to their opposites:

**un- in- im- dis-
mis- ir- il-**

Can you choose the correct **PREFIX** to give each of the following words its **opposite meaning**?
A star means two answers!

1. possible

6. reliable

2. common

7. experienced

3. important

8. constant

4. place ★

9. obedient

5. respect

10. literate



TAILS TEST 26

Something added to the **end of a word** is called a **SUFFIX**.

Now here are seven **SUFFIXES**:

**-hood -ship
-ness -ism -ment
-ful -less**

Can you supply each of the following with its correct **SUFFIX**?

A star means two answers.

1. correct	6. leader ★
2. move	7. thick
3. child ★	8. member
4. childish	9. fellow ★
5. social	10. care

Once you have completed this page,
award yourself a star in the box, left.



ANSWERS

TEST 1

Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Bombay, Brisbane, Budapest, Cairo, Cambridge, Colombo, London, Moscow, Nairobi, Naples, New York, Nicosia, Oxford, Paris, Prague, Sydney, Washington

TEST 2

Australia, Cyprus, England, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Grenada, India, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Uganda

TEST 3

kit, kite sit, site fat, fate
at, ate pal, pale win, wine
twin, twine spin, spine
can, cane mad, made
man, mane pan, pane
van, vane bad, bade
not, note

TEST 4

1. sale 2. pail 3. our 4. flour
5. hole 6. soul 7. fare 8. tyre
9. hire 10. leek 11. heir 12. hair
13. eight 14. whine 15. heel

TEST 5

1. male 2. hail 3. lead 4. bread
5. pain 6. rain, rein 7. sow, sew
8. too, to 9. not 10. sun
11. done 12. right, rite, wright
13. their 14. hear 15. by, bye

TEST 6 & 7

1. bill 2. arms 3. right 4. boot
5. egg 6. elder 7. ruler 8. sole
9. port 10. glasses

TEST 8

queen, quarter, questions, quiz,
equal, quickly/quietly,
phone, Philip, Phantom, graph,
photograph, physics

TEST 9

knight, knock, kneading, knitting,
kneeling, knew,
wrote, wrist, wrinkled, wrong,
wrestling, wrapped

TEST 10

1. climb 2. bough 3. knowledge
4. writing 5. tomb 6. daughter
7. tongue 8. yacht 9. thumb
10. chalet 11. autumn 12. wriggle

TEST 11

1. doughnut 2. knee
3. gnaws 4. two 5. comb
6. gnome 7. debt 8. island
9. psalm 10. knife 11. cupboard
12. thistle

TEST 12

little, forest, there, everywhere,
cottage, nobody, bowls, porridge,
breakfast, table, too, too, right, ate,
enormous, tiny, broke, sat, upstairs,
hard, comfortable, bears, returned,
their, frightened

TEST 13

1. ceiling 2. piece 3. friend
4. niece 5. field 6. patient
7. received 8. mischievous
9. believe 10. deceive

TEST 14

ugly, horrible, made, cleaning,
polishing, laundry, fires, beautiful,
rags, evening, castle, began, suddenly,
appeared, wonderful, coach,
handsome, elegant, priceless, slippers,
leave, happy, ran, striking, married

TAKE A BREAK 'DICTIONARY'

acid, acidity, acorn, acrid, act,
action, actor, aid, air, airy, an, and,
ant, any, arc, arid, art, arty, at, ay, cad,
cairn, can, candy, cant, car, card, cart,
carton, cat, city, coat, cod, con, corn,
corny, coy, crayon, crony, cry, dainty,
dairy, darn, dart, day, diary, diction,
din, dint, dirt, dirty, don, dot, drain,
dray, dry, icon, icy, in, into, ion, it,
nard, nay, nit, no, nod, nor, not,
notary, nation, racy, radii, radio,
radon, raid, rain, rainy, ran, rancid,
rant, rat, ration, ray, rayon, rid, rind,
riot, roc, rod, rot, rota, tan, tar,
tardy, tarn, tidy, tin, tiny, to, toad,
tod, today, ton, tor, torn, toy, train,
tray, triad, trio, try, yon

ANSWERS

WORD SQUARE

artichoke, asparagus, bean, beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, kale, leek, lentil, marrow, parsnip, pea, potato, spinach, sprouts, swede, turnip, yam

TEST 15

1. bubble 2. puzzle 3. poodle
4. riddle 5. horrible 6. see
7. kettle 8. balloon 9. football
10. battle 11. barrel 12. pudding
13. belly 14. happy 15. slippery
16. grass 17. leek 18. umbrella
19. hobby 20. spelling

TEST 16

1. bullet, buffet 2. zoo
3. peel, pool 4. beet, boot
5. weed, wood 6. attack 7. tree
8. kitten 9. pepper 10. winner
11. ballet 12. addle, apple
13. kill, kiss 14. sully, sunny
15. teeth, tooth

TEST 17

1. books 2. houses 3. mice
4. noses 5. teeth 6. poppies
7. feet 8. children 9. foxes
10. dishes 11. fish or fishes
12. wishes 13. men 14. women
15. potatoes 16. geese

TEST 18

17. wives 18. girls 19. boys
20. mottos or mottoes 21. pianos
22. sheep 23. daughters-in-law
24. memories 25. roofs 26. deer
27. churches 28. outlaws
29. tomatoes 30. axes
31. buffalo or buffaloes 32. cities
33. leaves 34. chiefs 35. oases
36. matches 37. countries
38. addresses

TEST 19

1. inspector 2. organiser
3. mother 4. father 5. farmer
6. announcer 7. tutor
8. supervisor 9. murderer
10. hiker 11. angler 12. footballer
13. actor 14. bricklayer
15. carpenter 16. leader
17. director 18. producer
19. dictator 20. lecturer
21. speaker 22. creator
23. minister 24. master
25. learner 26. boxer 27. tinker
28. tailor 29. soldier 30. sailor

TEST 20

- A1. hiding A2. having
- A3. hoping A4. driving
- A5. rinsing B1. swinging
- B2. turning B3. collecting
- B4. watching B5. stitching

TEST 21

- C1. hopping C2. stopping
- C3. cutting C4. putting
- C5. spinning D1. studying
- D2. flying D3. carrying
- D4. marrying D5. frying
- E1. tying E2. seeing

TEST 22

1. natural 2. particle 3. denial
4. refusal 5. dental 6. rental
7. whistle 8. departmental
9. reliable 10. admirable
11. single 12. horrible 13. mental
14. metal 15. smuggle 16. edible
17. fiddle 18. digital 19. double
20. inflatable 21. visible
22. disciple 23. disposal
24. divisible 25. electrical
26. bicycle 27. biodegradable
28. dribble 29. trial 30. triple

TEST 23

1. actor, action, active, actively, activate, activity 2. movement, mover, moveable/movable,
3. thinker, thought, thoughtful, thinking, thoughtfully, thoughtless, thoughtlessly 4. production, producer, productive, productively,
5. provision, provider, providence, providential, provident, providentially
6. direction, director, directive, directional, directly, directory

ANSWERS

7. analysis, analyst, analytical
8. notate, notation, notable, notelet, noteworthy, notary, notorious, notion
9. sensor, sensible, sensibility, sensation, sensational
10. entrant, entry, entrance

TEST 24

1. I'm working hard to improve my spelling.
2. My spelling's getting better.
3. Soon I'll be very good at spelling.
4. You've been trying hard, too.
5. I can't learn all the words in the dictionary.
6. I mustn't forget to practise.
7. James couldn't spell contrariety.
8. Although he'd trained hard, he didn't win the marathon..
9. Oh no, it's started raining again!
10. Sally couldn't wait for the holidays to come.
11. My uncle said he'd take me to Florida.
12. I hope you're coming to my party.

TEST 25

1. impossible 2. uncommon
3. unimportant 4. displace, misplace
5. disrespect 6. unreliable
7. inexperienced 8. inconstant
9. disobedient 10. illiterate

TEST 26

1. correctness 2. movement
3. childhood, childless 4. childishness
5. socialism 6. leadership, leaderless
7. thickness 8. membership
9. fellowship 10. careful, careless

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